



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Date : November 5, 2002  
Hitoshi Kihara et al. : Group Art Unit : 1764  
Serial No. : 09/689,297 Examiner : Jennifer Leung  
Filed : October 11, 2000 Our Docket : SHX 314  
For : APPARATUS, METHOD FOR ENRICHMENT OF THE HEAVY  
ISOTOPES OF OXYGEN AND PRODUCTION METHOD FOR  
HEAVY OXYGEN WATER

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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office action mailed May 8, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 with the following amended paragraph.

(Amended) In this case, generally, packed columns are used in order to suppress pressure loss within the column. However, it is not uncommon for the required packing height therefor to reach several hundred meters.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 with the